



# **National Rail Conditions of Travel**

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# NATIONAL RAIL CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

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These National Rail Conditions of Travel apply from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

Any reference to the **National Rail Conditions of Carriage** on websites, Tickets, publications etc. refers to these National Rail Conditions of Travel.

## Part A: A Summary of the Conditions

The terms and conditions of these National Rail Conditions of Travel are set out below in Part C to Part H (the “**Conditions**”). These, together with the terms and conditions of the specific Tickets and any Railcard or other discount entitlement you may hold, comprise the binding contract that comes into effect between you and the Train Companies<sup>1</sup> that provide scheduled rail services on the National Rail Network, when you purchase a Ticket. Terms and conditions for Tickets, Railcards and other products are provided at staffed stations, from online retailers and at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk).

This summary provides a quick overview of the key responsibilities of Train Companies and passengers contained in the contract.

It is important, however, that you read the Conditions if you want a full understanding of the responsibilities of Train Companies and passengers.

We have included a number of ‘information’ panels and/or footnotes to help you understand the meaning of certain Conditions. Please note that these panels and footnotes are for explanations only and do not form part of a Train Company’s contract with you.

The key responsibilities of Train Companies (**‘we’**) are:

- Prior to departure and during your journey, we will make available information that will help you to plan and successfully complete your journey on the National Rail Network. This will wherever possible be done in a way in which people with sight and/or hearing difficulties can understand.
- We will make available clear information about the range of Tickets to help you make a well-informed choice about the most appropriate and best value Ticket for your journey.
- We will provide a range of ways in which you can buy a Ticket before your journey and will ensure that you are treated fairly if you are unable to purchase a Ticket because advertised facilities are unavailable.
- If you have a disability, we will provide assistance upon request to help ensure that you enjoy your journey on the National Rail Network at no additional cost.
- If things go wrong, we will, in the circumstances set out in this document below, refund your Ticket, pay you compensation, make sure you get home by another means of transport or provide you with overnight accommodation.

The key responsibilities of passengers (**‘you’**) are:

- You must purchase, where possible, a valid Ticket before you board a train service on the National Rail Network.
- You must look after your Ticket and present it for inspection when asked by a member of rail staff.
- You must use your Ticket in accordance with the specific terms and conditions associated with it (for example, your Ticket might be restricted to certain routes or certain times).
- You must not engage in anti-social or criminal behaviour when using the National Rail Network.

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<sup>1</sup> Words in capital letters are defined in Appendix B

## Part B: Introduction

When you buy a Ticket to travel on scheduled train services on the National Rail Network you enter into a binding contract with each of the Train Companies whose trains your Ticket allows you to use. The Conditions set out the rights and obligations of passengers and the Train Companies listed in Appendix A.

Copies of these Conditions are available at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk), on the websites of all Train Companies and Licensed Retailers and, upon request, from any staffed Ticket office.

These Conditions apply to travel within Great Britain only and are governed by the law of England and Wales, except where a Ticket is bought in Scotland for travel wholly within Scotland, in which case these Conditions will be governed by Scots law. In addition to these Conditions, you also have rights under the Rail Passengers' Rights and Obligations Regulation, as it applies in GB law, including the 'Uniform Rules concerning the Contract for International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Rail' (commonly known as 'CIV'). Further information on CIV arrangements can be found at [www.otif.org](http://www.otif.org) or you can ask at a station Ticket office for details.

We have tried to make the Conditions as simple and easy to understand as possible. However, as they are a legally binding contract between Train Companies and passengers, we sometimes have to use legal expressions. To make the Conditions easier to understand, we use some words in **capital letters**, which are defined in Appendix B and, where appropriate, we provide some explanation of certain legal expressions.

If you breach these Conditions, you may be liable to enforcement action by the Train Companies, including criminal liability in some circumstances as set out below.

When you are at stations, on train services or other facilities on the National Rail Network, you are also subject to the Railway Byelaws. A copy of these can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/railway-byelaws](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/railway-byelaws) or you can ask at a station Ticket office for details.

Please note that neither a Train Company's staff, nor a Licensed Retailer's staff has the authority to waive or change the Conditions unless they are specifically allowed to do so within the Conditions.

For details of your rights under these Conditions to get your money back and to make other claims, please refer to Part F below. Most Train Companies operate a **Passenger's Charter** that offers additional passenger rights on their services. These can be found on each Train Company's website.

If things go wrong, in addition to the industry arrangements set out under these Conditions and Passenger's Charters, you are also able to rely on statutory rights. For example, the Consumer Rights Act 2015 provides consumers with various rights, e.g., rights where a service is not performed with reasonable care and skill. For information regarding your rights when you are travelling as a consumer, including under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, see [www.gov.uk/consumer-protection-rights](http://www.gov.uk/consumer-protection-rights).

If you are not satisfied that a Train Company or Rail Service Provider has dealt with your complaint fairly, you may contact the Rail Ombudsman at [www.railombudsman.org](http://www.railombudsman.org) or by telephone at 0330 094 0362 or by post to Rail Ombudsman, 1st Floor, Premier House, Argyle Way, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 2AD.

# Conditions

## Part C: Planning Your Journey and Buying Your Ticket

### 1. Planning your journey

- 1.1 We will help you plan your journey on the National Rail Network by making available information on train times, the range of Tickets available for you to purchase, the stations you might use and other relevant information such as refund and compensation arrangements.
- 1.2 We will also make available more specific information on related matters such as the additional assistance provided to passengers with a disability or taking your cycle or luggage on the train.

### 2. Buying your Ticket

- 2.1 We want you to make a well-informed choice when buying your Ticket, and to feel confident that you have purchased the most appropriate and best value Ticket for your journey.
- 2.2 Information on the range of Tickets that can be purchased is available from staffed railway stations, from Licensed Retailers and at [www.nationalrail.co.uk/tickets-railcards-and-offers](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/tickets-railcards-and-offers).
- 2.3 When purchasing your Ticket, we will make available information on specific restrictions that apply to your Ticket (for instance the train services on which you can use your Ticket or the route(s) you are entitled to use) and, where possible, any known changes to planned services.
- 2.4 Once you have bought your Ticket, you should check that you have the correct Ticket(s) for the journey you intend to make. If you think a mistake has been made by the Train Company or Licensed Retailer that sold you the Ticket, you should tell them as soon as possible.

### 3. Reserving Seats

- 3.1 It is possible to reserve seats on many train services. Where this is the case, it will generally be shown in the timetable information provided by National Rail Enquiries, Train Companies, Licensed Retailers and other information providers.
- 3.2 Some types of Ticket (for instance “advance” Tickets) require you to make a reservation when buying your Ticket. For other Tickets you can request a reservation either when buying a Ticket, or before the departure of your train on presentation of a valid Ticket, at most staffed stations. You are allowed a maximum of one seat reservation per person for each train that forms part of your journey.

**INFORMATION:** Seat reservations for reservable services are normally available up to two hours before the departure of a train (or up to the previous day for very early morning departures). Please check with the Train Company if you require details of the latest booking times for a specific service.

- 3.3 Unless you have made a reservation, please note that your Ticket does not automatically entitle you to a seat, and at busy times you may have to stand. You will not be entitled to any refund in these cases unless you hold a first class Ticket and no first class seats were available on a train service where the timetable indicated that first class seats would be provided. More information on the refund to which you are entitled in such circumstances can be found in Condition 31.

#### **4. Your Ticket**

- 4.1 Where it is possible to do so, you must purchase or hold a valid Ticket for your full intended journey before boarding a train to travel on any service provided by the Train Companies. Your Ticket is evidence of your entitlement to travel on the National Rail Network, as allowed by the type of Ticket you have purchased. It is your responsibility to keep it safe and it should be looked after with care.
- 4.2 Some Tickets are held as an electronic record on a smartcard or electronic device or may be transmitted to you for you to show or print out yourself. In such cases you will be advised of (and must comply with) the specific conditions applying to Tickets held in those formats.
- 4.3 You may only buy your Ticket from a Train Company or Licensed Retailer, otherwise it may not be valid.
- 4.4 Some Tickets entitle you to goods or services from another party (for instance the right to travel on bus services). Where this is the case, your Ticket is also evidence of a contract between you and that other party, whose own conditions will apply when using their services.
- 4.5 If you lose or mislay a Ticket or it is stolen, it will only be replaced or (subject to the specific conditions associated with the Ticket) refunded provided that the original Ticket can be cancelled. In such cases you should apply to the Train Company or Licensed Retailer from where it was purchased.
- 4.6 Special conditions apply to Season Tickets and more information can be found in Part G.
- 4.7 You should not tamper with a Ticket in any way. If you do so it will not be valid for travel.
- 4.8 If a Ticket is damaged to the extent that it is not legible and cannot (where applicable) be scanned or otherwise validated, it will not be valid for travel. However, if you return it to the Train Company or Licensed Retailer that sold it to you, they will arrange for a replacement Ticket to be issued to you unless there is reason to suspect that it has, or will be, used for fraudulent or improper purposes. You may have to pay a reasonable administrative charge (not exceeding £10) for the replacement.

#### **5. Transfer of Tickets**

- 5.1 A Ticket may be transferred by the person who bought that Ticket to another person, but only if:
- 5.1.1 the Ticket has not been made out in the passenger's name (which includes where the passenger is identified by a designated Railcard, photocard or other identifying means); and
  - 5.1.2 the journey has not begun, for example, you have not passed through an automatic Ticket gate, boarded a train, or started to use the Ticket (e.g., used the outward portion of a return Ticket,); and

- 5.1.3 the transfer is not a resale for more than the price paid for the Ticket by the person who first purchased it from a Train Company or a Licensed Retailer.

5.2 A Ticket which is validly transferred remains subject to all the conditions of travel originally applicable to it.

## 6. Your Requirement to Have a Valid Ticket to Travel

**INFORMATION:** In order to be valid, some Tickets must be activated or endorsed with a date of travel before you board a train. This is made clear in the terms & conditions of those Tickets.

'Ticket' includes a validated contactless payment card where accepted. The 'Ticket' definition in Appendix B gives more information.

6.1 You must hold a valid Ticket or authority to travel for the journey you intend to make **before you board a train** unless at the time, one of the following circumstances applies at the station you depart from:

- 6.1.1 There were no facilities for the issue of the Ticket you require or other authority to travel either because there was no Ticket office open or a self-service Ticket machine was not in working order, or would not accept your only available method of payment (card or cash); or
- 6.1.2 There was a notice at the station permitting you to start your journey without a valid Ticket; or
- 6.1.3 An authorised person gave you permission to travel without a valid Ticket. This includes: where the station is staffed, and you are specifically permitted to board a train service by an authorised member of staff, or you have received a written notice or heard an audible announcement to this effect; or
- 6.1.4 You have a disability and Ticket purchasing arrangements at the station where you started your journey were not accessible to you.

In these cases, you must buy an appropriate Ticket to complete your journey as soon as you are reasonably able to. This should either be onboard from a member of the train staff – or else as soon as you leave the train and before you exit the station at your destination.

If you do so, the price of the Ticket you purchase will be the same as if you had bought a Ticket at the station from which you first departed, including any Railcard discount to which you are entitled. If you do not, the Train Company is entitled to consider that you have boarded without a valid Ticket and take action in accordance with Condition 9.

**INFORMATION:** This means that you should buy a Ticket from the conductor on the train if there is one available; at an interchange station provided there is sufficient time before your connecting service; or, if neither of these is possible, at your destination.

- 6.2 In any circumstances other than those set out at 6.1 above, in the event that you purchase a Ticket after you board a train (either onboard the train using an internet service or upon arrival at your destination station) the Train Company is entitled to treat any such Ticket as an invalid Ticket and take action in accordance with Condition 9 accordingly.
- 6.3 A valid Ticket (and/or, where relevant, a Railcard) may be held on an electronic device where there is appropriate functionality to readily allow inspection of that Ticket (and/or all associated documentation). It is your responsibility to ensure that the electronic device can be accessed when required and the relevant Ticket and/or Railcard displayed. If you are unable to do so when requested the Train Company is entitled to take action in accordance with Condition 9.
- 6.4 Children under five years of age may travel free of charge without a Ticket providing that they are travelling with a passenger holding a valid Ticket or other authority to travel.
- 6.5 Unless Condition 6.4 applies, children aged between 5 years and 15 years must have a valid Ticket for travel but are entitled to a “child” discount on most Tickets. If a discount is not available, it will be made clear to you when you buy your Ticket.
- 6.6 Special arrangements apply for accompanied children aged under 11 in the London pay as you go zonal fare area. For details, please go to: [tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/travel-for-under-18s/travelling-with-children](https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/travel-for-under-18s/travelling-with-children).

## **7. Personal Identification**

Some types of Tickets are only valid with a specific form of personal identification. Where this applies it will be made clear when buying your Ticket, and in these cases, you must ensure that you have the identification with you when you travel.

**INFORMATION:** This applies, for example, for some types of self-print Ticket which are only valid when carried with the appropriate ID stated at the time of booking.

## **8. Railcards**

- 8.1 If you use a Railcard to purchase a discounted Ticket, you must carry the Railcard (and have it available for inspection) when you travel. The Railcard must be within its period of validity when you travel (in other words it should not have expired).
- 8.2 The Railcard may have additional restrictions which will apply to any Tickets you buy when using it. When you buy a Railcard the full terms and conditions will be provided. These are also available either from the relevant website from which the Railcard was purchased or from staffed Ticket offices within the validity of the Railcard.
- 8.3 If you have a Railcard, you must ensure that the information on it can be read by rail staff. On occasions this printed information may fade over time. If your Railcard starts to become illegible for this reason, we will replace it without charge. This can be done at any station with a Ticket office or through the Licensed Retailer from which it was purchased.
- 8.4 If you are travelling with a Railcard discounted Ticket and are unable to present the Railcard when asked by the staff or authorised agents of a Train Company, you will be treated as having joined a train without a valid Ticket and Conditions 9.1 – 9.5 will apply.



- 8.5 However, if you were unable to present the Railcard because you had forgotten to carry it on that particular journey or were unable to display it on an electronic device, the Train Company concerned will refund any fare or Penalty Fare paid in accordance with Condition 10.
- 8.6 In order to claim such a refund, you will need to contact the customer service department of the Train Company that charged you the additional fare or Penalty Fare, providing the full details of your Railcard, together with the additional Tickets you have purchased or any Penalty Fares notices. A maximum of one such claim will be considered in any 12-month period.

## **9. Travelling Without a Valid Ticket**

- 9.1 Travelling without a valid Ticket for your entire journey is a serious matter. This includes, where relevant: failure to present either the Ticket or any supporting documentation such as a Railcard; use of a Ticket that has not been validated where this is required by its terms and conditions; or accessing a part of a station or any area identified as for Ticket holders only. Condition 6 sets out the only circumstances where you may board a train without a valid Ticket.

If you believe that one of these circumstances applies to you, or that there is another reason that led to you travelling without a valid Ticket or being able to present one, then you should explain this to the member of Train Company staff who has asked to inspect your Ticket.

- 9.2 If you are unable to present a valid Ticket (including supporting documentation as outlined at Condition 9.1) when asked to do so and the conditions set out in Condition 6 do not apply, the Train Companies are permitted under these Conditions and in accordance with law to take one or more of the following measures:

- 9.2.1 To charge the full undiscounted single fare to a station directly served by the train that you are on. You will not be entitled to any discounts or special terms, or to buy a Ticket to a station other than one served by the train that you are on;

**INFORMATION:** The full undiscounted single fare will normally be the Anytime fare for the journey concerned.

- 9.2.2 To charge you a Penalty Fare when indicated by notices at stations served by trains with a Penalty Fare scheme in place (see Condition 10 below);
- 9.2.3 To report you for prosecution for a criminal offence under the Railways Byelaws or other applicable legislation. Prosecution may be brought in addition to or in parallel with civil enforcement or recovery or may follow initial steps for civil enforcement or recovery.

If you are unable to present a valid Ticket or to pay a fare when requested, the Train Company may require you to provide your name and address so that the matter can be followed up. You are obliged to provide this information under the Railway Byelaws and other applicable legislation and it can be a criminal offence not to do so or to give an incorrect name or address.

9.3 If you are unable to present a valid Ticket when asked or do not pay the whole sum requested by the Train Company when challenged, the Train Company may follow up with you (in writing or otherwise) to seek payment or recovery of unpaid sums and may bring civil proceedings and/or in some cases, a criminal prosecution. The Train Company shall be entitled to recover its costs of this follow up (including claim or prosecution costs) from you whenever such costs are incurred. The sum claimed will not exceed the actual costs of such follow up steps taken.

9.4 Where you are using a Ticket that is valid on a specific train service or train services and you are unable to make the booked service because a previous connecting train service was delayed or cancelled, you will be able to travel on the next train service provided by the Train Company(s) with which your ticket was valid without penalty.

9.5 Where you:

9.5.1 are using a Ticket that is correctly dated but restricted for use at a range of times other than the service on which you are travelling (this does not include Tickets which are valid only on a specific timed train service or train services); or

**INFORMATION:** Clause 9.5.1 includes Tickets such as Off-Peak and Super Off-Peak Tickets but it does not include Advance Tickets. If you travel on a train service or services outside the booked itinerary for which your Ticket was issued you will be treated as if no Ticket were held unless the circumstances of clause 9.4 apply.

9.5.2 break your journey when you are not permitted to do so;

you will be charged the difference between the fare that you have paid and the lowest price Ticket that is valid for the train you are using.

Condition 9.5 **does not apply in any other circumstances**. In such cases, if your Ticket is not valid for the journey you intend to take, you must, before you commence your travel, either purchase a new Ticket or, (where the terms and conditions of the Ticket you hold allow), exchange or excess it for a ticket that is valid for the service you wish to use.

## 10. Penalty Fares

**INFORMATION:** Some Train Companies issue Penalty Fares. More information on Penalty Fares and a list of the Train Companies operating such schemes can be found at [www.nationalrail.co.uk/penaltyfare](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/penaltyfare).

10.1 Train Companies are required to ensure that warning notices are clearly displayed at stations where Penalty Fares apply. You may be charged a Penalty Fare if:

10.1.1 You travel on a train service without a valid Ticket; or

10.1.2 You travel in first class accommodation with a standard class Ticket; or

10.1.3 You travel on a train service at a time when your service-specific Ticket is not valid (unless Condition 9.4 applies); or

**INFORMATION:** Service specific Tickets are those that require you to use a particular specified train service or train services for all or part of your journey, such as Advance Tickets.

- 10.1.4 You travel with a Train Company for which your Ticket is not valid; or
  - 10.1.5 You do not have the necessary supporting document(s), where required (for example a valid Railcard or photocard).
- 10.2 Where notices indicate that Penalty Fares apply from that station and you do not have a valid Ticket, you must, where indicated, obtain a “promise to pay” from a self-service Ticket machine.

## Part D: Using Your Ticket

The following Conditions 11 to 16 set out the general conditions or restrictions that may apply depending on the type of Ticket that you have purchased. The specific conditions of any Ticket purchased as well as any additional Railcard or discount scheme conditions will also apply.

### 11. Dates Your Ticket Is Valid

- 11.1 You must use your Ticket on or within the date(s) that it is valid. The date(s) of validity will be made clear when you buy your Ticket. More information can also be found in Condition 16.
- 11.2 If, as a result of a delay to your train, your Ticket expires during your journey, you will still be allowed to complete that journey without penalty.
- 11.3 A return Ticket must be used in the correct sequence (you must use the outward portion of your return Ticket before you use the return portion). The outward portion of a return Ticket is no longer valid for travel once the return portion has been used.

### 12. The Train Company or Companies You May Travel With

- 12.1 Some Tickets require you to travel on a specific train service or services, or the services of a particular Train Company or Companies. This will be made clear to you when you purchase your Ticket.

**INFORMATION:** Restrictions may apply to require you to use a specific timed service or services; to use only the services of one or more specified Train Companies; or to restrict you to train services indicated by a particular brand name or identity.

- 12.2 Otherwise, you are allowed to make your journey on the services of any Train Company covering the journey you are making on the date(s), at the time(s) and by the route(s) on which your Ticket is valid.

### 13. The Routes You May Use

- 13.1 Your Ticket may show that it is valid only on certain train services, such as those of a particular Train Company, or on trains travelling via a certain route or routes. If no specific route or Train Company is shown, then (subject to any time restrictions for the type of fare you have purchased) it will be valid on:

13.1.1 any direct train service between the stations shown on your Ticket; or

13.1.2 as shown on an itinerary presented by the journey planner on [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or from a Licensed Retailer in connection with the purchase of a Ticket and/or including the relevant restrictions applying to that Ticket.

**INFORMATION:** You can also go online to check the National Routeing Guide data which supports Journey Planners at [www.nationalrail.co.uk/travel-information/routeing-guide](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/travel-information/routeing-guide).

**INFORMATION:** The National Rail Journey Planner lets you select any specific journey and allows you to include specific locations you wish to travel through. It will display valid Tickets for your chosen journey alongside the train times.

- 13.3 If you are using a Zonal Ticket, which allows travel within a defined geographic area, you may travel on trains which take any route within the zone or zones shown on the Ticket.
- 13.4 If you travel beyond the destination shown on the Ticket, you will be treated as having joined the train without a valid Ticket for the additional part of your journey. Condition 9 sets out what may happen if you travel without a valid Ticket.

#### **14. Using a Combination of Tickets**

- 14.1 Some Tickets specifically exclude their use in conjunction with other Tickets. This will be made clear in the terms and conditions when buying such Tickets.
- 14.2 Unless Condition 14.1 applies, you may use a combination of two or more Tickets to make a journey provided that the train services you use Call at the station(s) where you change from one Ticket to another.
- 14.3 Unless Condition 14.1 applies, if you are using a Season Ticket, daily Zonal Ticket, or another area based Ticket such as a concessionary pass, ranger, or rover, in conjunction with another Ticket *and* the last station at which one Ticket is valid and the first station that the other Ticket is valid are the same, then the train **does not need to Call** at that station for your combination to be valid.
- 14.4 In all cases you must comply with the specific terms and conditions of each of the Tickets you are using (for example, keeping to the valid route(s) and train services for which each Ticket is valid). **It is your responsibility to check that you comply with the Conditions listed above.**

**INFORMATION:** In order to 'split' a journey with two or more Tickets under Condition 14.2 the services you use must be scheduled to stop at a station to allow passengers to alight and/or board that service, as permitted by the terms & conditions of the Ticket held. There is no requirement for you to alight and re-board the same service.

If a combination of Tickets is 'split' at a station but that station Call is defined as for "pick-up only" in the National Rail Timetable and in journey planners, then the Ticket held to that station is not valid; likewise, if that station call is defined as for "set-down only" in the National Rail Timetable and in journey planners, then the Ticket held from that station is not valid.

#### **15. Using First Class Accommodation**

- 15.1 Some train services include first class accommodation. Where first class accommodation is available, the relevant seats and area(s) of the train will be clearly marked. Unless Train Company staff, or notices on the train give you specific permission, you cannot travel in first class accommodation (including standing in corridors or passageways) with a standard class Ticket. This applies even if there are no vacant seats in standard class.
- 15.2 A standard class Ticket can in most cases be upgraded to first class. Where this is the case, you should pay the additional fare due before you board the train. The amount you pay will be the difference between the fare you have already paid and the appropriate first class fare for the journey you wish to make.
- 15.3 Some Train Companies allow you to upgrade on the train on payment of a supplement. Where this is the case, it will be made clear by announcements or notices.

- 15.4 If you travel in first class accommodation without a valid first class Ticket or permission from staff to occupy that accommodation, Condition 9 will apply.
- 15.5 If you are given permission to sit in a first class seat when holding a standard class Ticket, it is on the basis that you may be later required to give up your seat to a passenger holding a valid first class Ticket.
- 15.6 If you hold a first class Ticket and the first class accommodation on your train service has been declassified or you are unable to sit in it for all or part of your journey because it is full, you will be entitled to a refund as set out in Condition 31.

## 16. Break of Journey

**INFORMATION:** Most Tickets allow you to break your journey. This means that you do not have to make the whole of your journey at the same time or, where allowed, on the same day.

Please note that Advance Tickets do not permit a break of journey. The special conditions for Advance Tickets can be found at

[www.nationalrail.co.uk/advancetickets](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/advancetickets).

Other national Ticket types normally allow break of journey with the exception of the outward portion of some longer distance Off-Peak Returns. Where this is the case, it is made clear in the restrictions applying to those Tickets.

- 16.1 Where break of journey is allowed, there is no limit to the number of times that you can do so within a Ticket's period of validity, until the journey is completed.
- 16.2 Unless excluded as part of a specific Ticket's terms and conditions you may start, or break and resume, a journey (in either direction in the case of a return Ticket) at any intermediate station, except as shown in Condition 16.3 below, provided that the Ticket you hold is valid for the trains you want to use. You may also end your journey (in either direction in the case of a return Ticket) before the destination shown on the Ticket.
- 16.3 Where a train service makes a circular journey and can be used in either direction to reach the destination on your Ticket you can travel either way regardless of the length of the journey – you do not need to take the shortest route. However, if you take the longer route, you cannot leave that service at an intermediate station where the fare would have been higher. If you do so, clause 16.4 will apply.
- 16.4 If you start, break or resume your journey at an intermediate station where you are not entitled to do so, you will be liable to pay an excess fare. The price for this will be the difference between the amount paid for the Ticket you hold and the lowest price Ticket available for immediate travel that would have entitled you to start, break or resume your journey at the station concerned.
- 16.5 Tickets valid for travel across London using Transport for London services do not entitle you to break your journey on London Underground, the Elizabeth line between London Paddington and Stratford and between London Paddington and Abbey Wood and/or the Docklands Light Railway, unless your Ticket is a Season Ticket or a travelcard covering the Zones in which you are travelling.

## Part E: Making Your Train Journey

### 17. Introduction

This Part E sets out the specific Conditions that apply when making your journey.

### 18. Inspection of Tickets

**INFORMATION:** Failure to provide a valid Ticket for your entire journey when asked may lead to prosecution.

18.1 You must show and, if asked to do so by the staff of a Train Company, hand over for inspection your Ticket and any Railcard, photocard or other form of personal identification which your Ticket requires.

18.2 If for any reason your Ticket is invalid, Train Company staff may withdraw it unless it is held on an electronic device or payment card. Where your Ticket is withdrawn you will be given a receipt.

### 19. Railway Byelaws

19.1 If you are present on the railway, you must comply with the Railway Byelaws.

**INFORMATION:** The Railway Byelaws apply to anyone on railway property, regardless of whether they have a Ticket or not. A copy of the Railway Byelaws can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/railway-byelaws](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/railway-byelaws) or you can ask at a station Ticket office for details. Contravening the Railway Byelaws results in a Strict Liability offence. This means that you can be prosecuted without the need to prove intent to breach them.

### 20. Changing Trains

If your journey requires a change of trains, you must allow sufficient time to make your connection when selecting the trains, you wish to use. Train times shown at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or on any journey plan provided by a Train Company or Licensed Retailer will allow sufficient time for making your change of trains. You can also ask for advice on this when purchasing your Ticket at a station.

### 21. Passengers with Disabilities

**INFORMATION:** We aim to make using the National Rail Network as accessible as possible for passengers with disabilities and provide a range of services to help ensure that everyone can have an enjoyable journey.

21.1 We will provide specific assistance for passengers with disabilities (and other passengers that may need extra help such as older people) upon request, at no additional cost. This will include, as required, arranging for staff to be available to deploy ramps that allow wheelchair users to board trains; or arranging for an accessible taxi to take passengers with disabilities to the most convenient accessible station appropriate to the journey being made.



- 21.2 We recommend that passengers requiring assistance contact the relevant Train Company with 2 hours' notice before travel. However, staff will provide assistance when assistance has not been booked in advance, in line with a Train Company's 'Accessible Travel Policy'.

**INFORMATION:** You can book assistance at any station for any train journey at any time. Staff will always try to help, even if assistance is not booked. If staff are not able to help you immediately then they will explain clearly why. Some companies may ask for up to 2 hours' notice to book assistance to enable them to ensure that a member of staff will be available to help you.

Further information on how to book assistance is available from each Train Company's website and from the National Rail Enquiries website at [www.nationalrail.co.uk/on-the-train/accessible-train-travel-and-facilities](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/on-the-train/accessible-train-travel-and-facilities) which provides further guidance on facilities at each station (for example, where there are stairs and no lifts).

- 21.3 Each Train Company publishes an 'Accessible Travel Policy', which sets out the way in which it will assist passengers with disabilities in using their services.

**INFORMATION:** Each Accessible Travel Policy is published on the Train Company's website.

## 22. Taking Your Cycle on The Train

- 22.1 Non-folding cycles are permitted on most train services, but restrictions may apply at particular times of day and/or days of the week. In some cases, a charge may be made, and a reservation may be required.

**INFORMATION:** Train Companies publish details of their cycle policies online. Details are also available at staffed Ticket offices, and we can tell you about these restrictions and any charges if you ask when buying your Ticket.

More details can be found at [www.nationalrail.co.uk/cyclists](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/cyclists).

- 22.2 If a cycle reservation is not honoured, the Train Company responsible will refund any reservation fee paid. If the Train Company is unable to provide alternative equivalent accommodation for your cycle and you therefore decide not to travel you will be entitled to claim a refund under Condition 29 for your journey, without any administration charge.

You must make your claim within 28 days of the planned journey, including the Ticket and cycle reservation for the journey concerned.

- 22.3 Unless prohibited by a Train Company's individual cycle policy, electric assist pedal cycles and e-scooters may be carried on trains provided that they are similar in size to a traditional cycle or scooter. Power assisted cycles without traditional cycle-style pedals, or with oversized dimensions cannot be carried.

- 22.4 Fully folding cycles may be treated as luggage as shown in Condition 23 below.



## **23. Taking Luggage and Other Articles with You on Your Journey**

- 23.1 You may take up to three items of luggage into the passenger accommodation of a train unless:
- 23.1.1 your luggage is such that it may cause injury, inconvenience or a nuisance or it may cause damage to property;
  - 23.1.2 there is not enough room for it;
  - 23.1.3 your luggage would obstruct doorways, gangways or corridors;
  - 23.1.4 the loading or unloading may cause delay to trains;
  - 23.1.5 your luggage is not carried or packaged in a suitable manner;
  - 23.1.6 your luggage is one of the prohibited items shown in the list shown in 23.4 below;
  - 23.1.7 a Train Company has set out any special conditions relating to the carrying of luggage on their own train services. In such cases these conditions will be made available when buying your Ticket in advance and will be shown on the Train Company's website.
- 23.2 You will normally need to be able to manage your luggage without additional help; however, if you have a disability and require assistance, you can book this in advance of your journey. Please see Condition 21 for more information.
- 23.3 Articles may be conveyed in separate luggage accommodation, where this is available, on the train service. Articles conveyed in such accommodation must for security reasons be clearly labelled with your name, address and destination station. Train company staff may not release items stored in separate luggage accommodation to you until you have proved ownership.
- 23.4 Conditions relating to the carriage of specific items:

ITEM	CONDITIONS
Pushchairs/Carrycots.	Must be capable of folding
Wheelchairs and powered wheelchairs.	Wheelchairs must be folded unless in use and located in a section designated for wheelchairs where provided.  They are conveyed subject to a maximum width of 70cm and length of 120cm.

23.5 Items only permitted at the discretion of individual Train Companies:

ITEM
Mobility Scooters.
e-Scooters
Canoes; surfboards; sailboards.
Skis and ski-boards; golf equipment; other sports equipment except where shown as not permitted below.
Musical Instruments exceeding these dimensions, 30 x 70 x 90 cm
Unloaded firearms, properly licensed, with prior permission of the Train Company and carried in accordance with the law and any other specific instructions

23.6 Items that are not permitted to be carried on passenger trains:

ITEM
Motorcycles; mopeds; motor scooters
Furniture exceeding these dimensions, 30 x 70 x 90 cm
Firearms (except as shown above)
Dangerous goods; inflammable liquids; explosives

**24. Taking an animal with you on your journey**

- 24.1 You may take up to two dogs or other small domestic animals free of charge with you unless a Train Company has set out any special conditions relating to their own train services. In such cases these conditions will be made available when buying your Ticket in advance and will be shown on the Train Company's website.
- 24.2 Animals, with the exception of assistance dogs, may not be taken into buffet or restaurant cars (including first class accommodation with at-seat meals service) unless specifically allowed by the Train Company that you are using. Animals are not allowed on seats in any circumstances.
- 24.3 Animals other than dogs must be conveyed in a fully enclosed basket or pet carrier designed for this purpose with dimensions not exceeding 85 x 60 x 60 cm. Baskets and pet carriers must be large enough to allow the animal to stand and lie down in comfort. Animals which are too large for a basket or pet carrier with dimensions 85 x 60 x 60 cm may not be conveyed by train.
- 24.4 Dogs must be kept on a lead throughout your journey, including any part of station property; other animals must not be taken out of their baskets or pet carriers. If your dog or other animal causes a nuisance or inconvenience to other passengers, you may be asked to remove it from a train or railway premises by staff.
- 24.5 Special conditions apply to the carriage of animals in sleeper cabins. If you are considering taking an animal on a service with a sleeper cabin, you will need to contact the Train Company for details of these before you make your booking.
- 24.6 Livestock and non-domestic animals cannot be carried in any circumstances.

**25. Your Responsibilities with Regard to Luggage, Other Accompanied Articles and Animals**

You should take care of any item of luggage or article, animal or cycle that you take onto a train. You may be liable for any injury, damage, or loss if you do not take reasonable care. Unless a Train Company has agreed to provide assistance, it will not be responsible for any loss or delay to your journey arising from any failure in this regard.

## **26. A Train Company's Liabilities with Regard To Luggage, Other Accompanied Articles And Animals**

A Train Company or Rail Service Provider will only be liable for any loss or damage to luggage, articles, animals or cycles in its trains or on its premises if the loss or damage was caused by the fault of a Train Company's or Rail Service Provider's staff.

Where liability is established, the maximum liability of a Train Company or Rail Service Provider is £1,500 per passenger (except for liability for loss or damage to mobility equipment, or other specific equipment used by disabled passengers or passengers with reduced mobility, which is unlimited).

## **27. Amended Timetables and Rail Replacement Services**

**INFORMATION:** From time to time, it may be necessary to replace a train service with a bus or coach. In most cases this is planned in advance (for example due to engineering work to maintain or improve the rail network), but sometimes such changes may be required at short notice. Usually, such replacement bus and coach services will take longer than the scheduled time for the equivalent train service.

27.1 Wherever engineering work is planned in advance we will make you aware of any need to operate a rail replacement service. The Train Company or Licensed Retailer from whom you purchased your Ticket(s) will include any extended or altered times in the timetable information. This information will also be provided at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) so that you can make an informed decision about your travel plans. Where replacement services are operating, we may be unable to accept some types of luggage, articles, animals and cycles.

27.2 If the replacement is at short notice and you cannot complete your journey because we are unable to transport your luggage, articles, animals and/or cycles by road vehicle, and you therefore decided not to travel, you will be entitled to claim a refund of your Ticket(s) under Conditions 30.1 – 30.4 without any administration charge.

27.3 When you make your claim, you should state the timetabled departure time of the train you intended to use for the journey and provide any Tickets which were valid for the journey.

27.4 If you are claiming compensation due to a delay in your rail replacement journey, your compensation will be determined by the time difference between the actual time of arrival at your destination as compared to the arrival time shown in the timetable in place on the day that you travel.

27.5 In all other respects these Conditions apply to the use of rail replacement services.

## **28. What Happens When Things Go Wrong?**

28.1 We want you to be satisfied with your journey. If you have any problem that cannot be resolved to your satisfaction at the time, every Train Company provides details of how to make a complaint or comment on its website and on notices at stations and on trains.

28.2 Where disruption prevents you from completing the journey for which your Ticket is valid and is being used, any Train Company will, where it reasonably can, provide you with alternative means of travel to your destination, or if necessary, provide overnight accommodation for you.

- 28.3 Where a train service is cancelled after you have purchased your Ticket(s), we will advise you what your alternative options for travel are. In addition to the validity that your Ticket automatically entitles you to, you will normally in such circumstances be permitted to travel up to either two trains prior or two trains after the affected service, using the same operator that you are booked onto. Where services are significantly less frequent and this is not a suitable option, we will provide you with an appropriate alternative. Otherwise, you can request a full refund in accordance with Condition 30.
- 28.4 Where your train is likely to be delayed for more than 60 minutes, you may use your Ticket to make your journey at a later date subject to comparable restrictions on your Ticket. Please refer to your Train Company's website or contact them directly for details on how to obtain a replacement Ticket.
- 28.5 In other circumstances disruption to train services may mean that you are entitled to compensation or a refund on your Ticket. Part F explains your rights to refunds and compensation.
- 28.6 If your train is delayed for more than 60 minutes, your Train Company may, in certain circumstances, provide you with meals and refreshments if they are available on the train or in the station, or can reasonably be supplied, and in reasonable relation to the waiting time.

## Part F: Your Refund and Compensation Rights

### 29. Refunds on Tickets Which You Have Chosen Not to Use or Have Been Part-used

- 29.1 If you purchase any Ticket(s) and then choose not to travel, you may apply for a refund from the original retailer, unless the terms and conditions of your Ticket(s) state otherwise. You must do this no more than 28 days after the expiry of the Ticket(s) unless the terms and conditions of your Ticket state otherwise.
- 29.2 In such cases, a deduction from your refund in the case of part-used Tickets will normally be calculated on the cost of the journey(s) actually made. An administration charge may also be made, which will not exceed £5 per Ticket (£10 per Ticket in the case of Season Tickets, as set out in Part G); however, if the administrative charge and/or other deductions exceed the refund amount no refund will be payable. If a delay or cancellation on any leg of your journey is the reason you could not complete your journey, you are entitled to a full refund on any Tickets held for that journey under Condition 30.1.
- 29.3 Your refund application will be processed as soon as reasonably practicable, and the refund paid within one month of receipt of your application.
- 29.4 The way in which your refund will be paid will depend on how your Ticket was originally paid for, as shown in the table below:

Method of payment	Method of refund
Cash	Cash or, with your agreement, an alternative payment method such as cheque or credit to your bank account
Cheque (where accepted)	Cash, or cheque (which could include the return of your cheque) at the discretion of the retailer
Credit or debit card; PayPal	Credit to the relevant card account.
Rail travel warrant	Credit to the relevant warrant account.
Rail travel voucher	Rail travel vouchers of equivalent value or cash at the discretion of the retailer

### 30. Your Right to a Refund If Your Train Is Disrupted or Rescheduled and You Choose Not to Travel

- 30.1 Conditions 30.1 - 30.4 cover all Tickets other than Season Tickets.

You may return an unused Ticket or Tickets to the original retailer or Train Company from whom it was/they were purchased, where you will be given a full refund with no administration fee charged, if you decide not to travel because the train you intended to use is:

- cancelled, or
- delayed, or
- rescheduled after you have purchased a Ticket or Tickets, or
- your reservation will not be honoured

You are also entitled to a refund under these Conditions if you begin your journey but are unable to complete it due to a delay to, or cancellation of your service and you return to your point of origin.

**INFORMATION:** Season Tickets have their own compensation process when disruption or cancellation prevents travel. Season Ticket holders should refer to [www.nationalrail.co.uk/season-tickets](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/season-tickets) for details.

- 30.2 When applying for a refund under this Condition you will need to state the date, time and station where you would otherwise have started your journey from. You must write to the Train Company to notify them of your claim within 28 days of the date that you intended to travel.
- 30.3 Your refund application will be processed without undue delay and any refund due will be paid within 14 days of your claim being agreed by the Train Company. Our target is to process all claims within one month of receipt.
- 30.4 Where you have bought the Ticket or Tickets from a Ticket office immediately before you intended to travel, you should be able to get this refund straight away by the same means with which you paid, from the Ticket office where you bought your Ticket(s). The way in which your refund will be paid will depend on how your Ticket(s) was/were originally paid for, as shown in the table below:

Method of payment	Method of refund
Cash	Cash or, with your agreement, an alternative payment method such as cheque or credit to your bank account
Cheque (where accepted)	Cheque (which could include the return of your cheque)
Credit or debit card; PayPal	Credit to the relevant account
Rail travel warrant	Credit to the relevant Warrant account
Rail travel voucher	Rail travel vouchers of equivalent value or, with your agreement, an alternative payment method such as cheque or credit to your bank account

## 31. Travelling In Standard Class Accommodation with A First Class Ticket

- 31.1 If you have a first class Ticket and the train service you use is shown as offering first class accommodation at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk), but when you travel first class accommodation is not provided or is otherwise fully occupied, you may claim a refund. The minimum refund to which you will be entitled will be the difference between the price of the first class Ticket purchased and the cheapest valid standard class walk-up fare available on the service you used. You must contact the Train Company you travelled with to notify them of your claim within 28 days of the date that you travelled.
- 31.2 If you hold a first class Season Ticket, the minimum to which you will be entitled will be a refund of the difference between the first class and standard class fare for the journey concerned.

## 32. Claiming Compensation for Delays and/or Cancellations

**INFORMATION:** The Train Company Passenger's Charters and websites set out the details around compensation arrangements, including how to make a claim and how compensation is calculated. Train Companies publish their Passenger's Charters on their websites and will display information at stations.

- 32.1 If you are delayed in reaching your destination as a result of a delay or cancellation of a train service, you may be entitled to claim compensation from the Train Company that is responsible for the delay in completing your journey.

Your claim can be made to any Train Company whose services you used to make your journey, who will, if necessary, forward your claim to the Train Company responsible.

You are entitled to compensation if the delay was 60 minutes or longer, regardless of fault. Compensation is based on the delay in your arrival time at the destination station, as compared to the arrival time shown in the timetable in place on the day that you travel.

**INFORMATION:** Compensation for delays is based on the timetable in place on the day of travel, as displayed on National Rail and Train Company journey planners and on information screens at stations. Where a replacement timetable is in place on the day that you travel, for example because of pre-planned engineering work, emergency repairs or because of forecast poor weather, compensation will be based on that replacement timetable. Train Companies will always publish information about any required timetable changes as soon as it is possible to do so.

You can make a claim in one or more of the following ways:

- 32.1.1 through the industry arrangements provided for:
  - 32.1.1.1 in these Conditions; and/or
  - 32.1.1.2 in the Passenger's Charter of the relevant Train Company and/or
- 32.1.2 by relying on your statutory rights, e.g., under the Consumer Rights Act 2015 and the Rail Passengers' Rights and Obligations Regulation as it applies in GB law.

However, you cannot recover the same money twice.

**INFORMATION:** The Consumer Rights Act 2015 provides consumers with various rights, e.g., rights where a service is not performed with reasonable care and skill (see section 49 of the Act). For information regarding your rights when you are travelling as a consumer, including under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, see, [www.gov.uk/consumer-protection-rights](http://www.gov.uk/consumer-protection-rights).

- 32.2 For claims made under the industry arrangements (set out at paragraph 32.1.1 above) for losses caused by the delay and/or cancellation of a train service, you can only recover up to the price of your Ticket or Tickets. However, in exceptional circumstances, a Train Company may consider claims for other losses. This will be for the Train Company to decide in its sole discretion, unlike your legal rights set out in paragraph 32.1 above.

If you wish to ask the Train Company to consider making a discretionary payment, you should write in the first instance to the Train Company at the address which can be found on [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or by calling 0345 7 48 49 50. Please note that this does not affect your statutory rights (see paragraph 32.1.2).



### 33. How To Make a Claim Under the Industry Arrangements.

- 33.1 In order to make a claim under the industry arrangements set out at paragraph 32.1.1 above, you must submit your claim to the Train Company within 28 days of completing the journey (unless that deadline is extended by the Train Company).

You will need to state the scheduled departure time of the train or trains you intended to use for your journey and provide a Ticket or Tickets or other authority to travel which was valid for that whole journey. A Train Company will allow you to retain any Tickets after use for this purpose. Compensation is based on the delay in your arrival time at the destination station, as compared to the arrival time shown in the timetable in place on the day that you travel.

- 33.2 If you have a claim or a complaint about your journey, the Train Company you contact will help you either by dealing with the matter itself or by passing it on to the relevant Train Company, Rail Service Provider or other third party(s) or person(s) providing the goods or services in question. Claims will be considered without undue delay and any compensation due will be paid within 14 days of your claim being agreed by the Train Company. The target is to process all claims within one month of receipt.

- 33.3 Although the amount of compensation offered varies by Train Company, if you arrive 60 or more minute late at your destination station, you will, as a minimum, be entitled to compensation in accordance with the table below:

Ticket held	Amount payable
Single Ticket, or Return Ticket with delay on both the outward and return journey	50% of the price paid
Return Ticket with delay on outward or return journey	50% of the price paid for the relevant portion of the journey
Season Ticket	The discount or compensation arrangements in the relevant Train Company's Passenger's Charter apply

**INFORMATION:** To make a claim under the industry arrangements, all you need to explain is that there was a delay. You do not have to prove that the delay was the Train Company's fault.

- 33.4 A Train Company may not be obliged to pay compensation under this Condition if the delay is less than 60 minutes and its cause was entirely outside the rail industry's control. Each Train Company's Passenger's Charter will set out any exclusions that apply to such claims in respect of their services. If the delay is 60 minutes or longer, you are entitled to compensation regardless of fault.

- 33.5 Please note that if you have decided not to travel and claim a full refund in accordance with Condition 30, you cannot then also claim compensation for delay under this clause through a Train Company's Passenger's Charter.



## **34. How Your Compensation Will Be Paid**

- 34.1 Compensation methods may include payment by cheque or a bank transfer payment (usually referred to as a BACS payment); by means of a refund to your debit or credit card (each of these three is a “money option”); or in rail travel vouchers. Your options, which will include at least one “money option”, will vary by Train Company, and will be shown when making your claim. Where the delay was caused by a fault of the Train Company, you are entitled to payment by the same means as your Ticket was paid for unless you agree to another payment method.
- 34.2 If you receive payment in rail travel vouchers you can use them in full or part payment for Tickets purchased at any Train Company’s staffed Ticket office, for any rail journey on the services of the Train Companies. In some cases, they may also be exchanged for money at a Ticket office of the Train Company that issued them, and this option will be stated if it is available to you when you claim.

## **35. Other Claims Against a Train Company**

- 35.1 If you need to make a claim against a Train Company or Rail Service Provider for personal injury or any loss or damage to property, or a claim or complaint arising under the Passenger’s Charter or these Conditions, you should write to the relevant Train Company or Rail Service Provider in the first instance.
- 35.2 If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your claim against a Train Company or Rail Service Provider you can contact the Rail Ombudsman at [www.nationalrail.co.uk/RailOmbudsman](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/RailOmbudsman) or [www.x.com/RailOmbudsman](http://www.x.com/RailOmbudsman) or 0330 094 0362.
- 35.3 Please note that a Train Company is not responsible for:
- 35.3.1 any losses that occur while you are travelling in any other Train Company’s trains;
  - 35.3.2 another party not providing goods or services; and
  - 35.3.3 any losses that occur while you are using those other goods or services.

However, each Train Company will help you if you have a claim or a complaint about your journey, either by dealing with the matter itself or by passing it on to the Train Company(s), Rail Service Provider or other third parties or person(s) providing the goods or services in question.

## Part G: Special Conditions Applying to Season Tickets

### 36. Introduction

- 36.1 Part G of these Conditions apply to Season Tickets only. In some cases, special rules apply to Season Tickets valid for 1 month or longer – this is made clear where necessary.
- 36.2 A Season Ticket gives the named holder the right to unlimited travel on train services between specific stations or within specific geographic zones during the period up to and including the Season Ticket's expiry date. This includes the right to start, break or resume your journey, as described in Condition 16.2. It may only be used by the person to whom, or on whose behalf, it was issued and cannot be transferred unless specifically endorsed by the issuing Train Company.
- 36.3 Unless you are specifically advised otherwise at the time of purchase, a Season Ticket must be supported by a photocard which bears a true likeness of the user. Photocards may be obtained free of charge at staffed station Ticket offices on production of a passport sized photograph.
- 36.4 When you first buy a Season Ticket that is valid for a period of one month or longer, you will need to fill in an application form, and a record will be kept of your details and the details of the Season Ticket(s) that you buy. This enables us to provide you with greater assistance if your Season Ticket is lost or stolen, or if you need to make a claim for delay under a Train Company's Passenger's Charter.

**Your Season Ticket is a valuable document and should be looked after with great care.**

### 37. Damaged or Faded Season Tickets

- 37.1 If a valid Season Ticket is damaged, can no longer be read easily, or no longer works in automatic Ticket gates, we will replace it without charge. You should ask the retailer from whom you originally purchased your Season Ticket to do this for you.
- 37.2 Different arrangements normally apply for the replacement of damaged or defective Smartcards, and these will be made clear to you when you obtain your Smartcard.

### 38. Season Ticket or Photocard Unavailable for Inspection

- 38.1 If you are unable to present a Season Ticket, or any photocard required with a Season Ticket, when asked by the staff or authorised agents of a Train Company, you will be treated as having joined a train without a valid Ticket and Condition 9 will apply.
- 38.2 If you possess a valid Season Ticket and/or photocard but were unable to present it when requested because you had forgotten to carry it on that particular journey or mislaid it, the Train Company concerned may at their discretion refund any fare or Penalty Fare paid in accordance with Condition 9, less an administration charge not exceeding £10.
- 38.3 In order to claim such a refund, you will need to provide the retailer from whom you bought your Season Ticket with your Season Ticket (and photocard if applicable), together with the additional Tickets you have purchased or any Penalty Fares notices.

- 38.4 A maximum of two such claims will be considered in any 12-month period regardless of the number of Season Tickets bought during that time.

## **39. Duplicate Season Tickets**

- 39.1 If you lose or mislay a Season Ticket valid for one month or longer, or it is stolen, the Train Company or Licensed Retailer from which it was purchased, will arrange for a duplicate Season Ticket to be issued provided that:

- 39.1.1 you report the loss as soon as you reasonably can and, if required, you give a reasonable explanation for the loss (some Train Companies may ask you to complete a form explaining the reason for the loss);
- 39.1.2 you agree to return the lost Season Ticket to the retailer immediately if it is subsequently found;
- 39.1.3 you pay the Train Company or Licensed Retailer's administration charge, which will not exceed £20.

- 39.2 If you subsequently lose or mislay your duplicate Season Ticket or it is stolen, then a further duplicate Season Ticket(s) can be issued on the same basis as your first duplicate Season Ticket. However, you may be asked to attend a meeting with the Train Company or Licensed Retailer concerned to explain the circumstances in which your duplicate Season Ticket(s) was lost. Train Companies have agreed a Code of Practice for such meetings, a copy of which can be found in Appendix C.

- 39.3 If the loss of your duplicate Season Ticket is a result of a theft, robbery, fire, or other exceptional circumstances which have been reported to the police, the fire service or another appropriate organisation, you should be able to obtain confirmation of the circumstances from the relevant authorities, (e.g., a crime number from the police) and provide such confirmation to the Train Company or Licensed Retailer issuing you with a duplicate Season Ticket.

- 39.4 Train companies reserve the right to refuse to issue duplicate Season Tickets if they have reasonable grounds to believe that such requests are being made fraudulently.

## **40. Season Ticket Refunds**

- 40.1 If you no longer require your Season Ticket, you may be entitled to a refund from the Train Company or Licensed Retailer from which it was purchased. In the first instance you should return your Season Ticket to the relevant Train Company or Licensed Retailer requesting a refund.

- 40.2 Your refund will be calculated from the date you return the Season Ticket. The refund will be calculated by deducting the cost to make one return journey for each day from the start date the Season Ticket until the day it is returned, and an administration charge (not to exceed £10).

**INFORMATION:** Longer period Season Tickets attract a higher level of discount than shorter period Season Tickets.

**EXAMPLE:** If you return your monthly Season Ticket after 9 days, we will deduct from your refund the cost of a 7-Day Season Ticket and 2 one day return Tickets and an administration charge.

- 40.3 To qualify for a monetary refund:
- 40.3.1 Seven Day Season Tickets must have at least three days' remaining validity, or
  - 40.3.2 Season Tickets valid between one and ten months must have at least seven days' remaining validity.
- 40.4 Annual Season Tickets do not qualify for a monetary refund after ten months and twelve days.
- 40.5 If you were ill and, consequently, unable to request a refund on your Season Ticket when you stopped using it, we will offer you a refund from the date your illness started, provided that you supply a medical certificate or other evidence of your illness.
- 40.6 If you require a refund on a duplicate Season Ticket, the Train Company may request additional information (e.g., evidence of new address, a new job, redundancy, or prolonged illness of the holder) and/or may be asked to attend a meeting with the Train Company concerned. Train Companies have agreed a Code of Practice for such meetings, a copy of which can be found in Appendix C.
- 40.7 Train Companies reserve the right to refuse to issue refunds on duplicate Season Tickets if they have reasonable grounds to believe that such requests are being made fraudulently.
- 41. Changing One Season Ticket for another**
- 41.1 You may change your Season Ticket for another covering a different journey or class of travel provided that the original Season Ticket was valid for one month or more and has at least seven days' validity remaining. In this case, you will only be required to pay the difference in price between your original Season Ticket and the new one, based on the number of days of validity remaining on your original Season Ticket.
- 41.2 If your new Season Ticket is for a cheaper journey or class of travel, you will be entitled to a refund on the original Season Ticket, based on the number of days of validity remaining on your original Season Ticket at the time that you ask for your Season Ticket to be changed.
- 41.3 The validity of your new Season Ticket must start on the day after the original Season Ticket is handed in and must expire on the same date as that of the original Season Ticket. You will not have to pay an administrative charge.

## **Part H: Lost property**

### **42. Ownership**

- 42.1 Property found in a train or on a Train Company's or Rail Service Provider's premises will not be treated as belonging to the person who finds it and must be handed over as soon as reasonably possible to a Train Company's or Rail Service Provider's member of staff.
- 42.2 A Train Company or Rail Service Provider will take reasonable care of any luggage, articles, animals or cycles which are taken into its safekeeping after being left in its trains or on its premises and will make a reasonable effort to contact the owner.
- 42.3 In order to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the railway a Train Company or Rail Service Provider may limit your access to trains or premises in order to retrieve any property you have left behind but will, if necessary, make alternative arrangements for it to be recovered.

### **43. Examination and disposal**

If property is left in a train or on a Train Company's or Rail Service Provider's premises, they have the right to open it and examine the contents before removing it to a secure place. They may, without being liable, remove or dispose of any property, which might in their opinion cause damage or injury or inconvenience staff or passengers.

### **44. Charges**

- 44.1 A Train Company or Rail Service Provider may make a charge (not exceeding £2 per day per item) for storing property and (not exceeding £30 per item) for retrieval of property by the owner depending on:
- 44.1.1 the type of property; and
  - 44.1.2 the period for which it has been kept.

### **45. Unclaimed property**

Any property taken into a Train Company or Rail Service Provider's safekeeping which has not been retrieved within three months will be sold or otherwise disposed of and any money from the sale may be retained. Items which are perishable may be disposed of earlier.

## **Appendix A:**

### **List of Train Companies to which the National Rail Conditions of Travel apply as of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**


Arriva Rail London Limited	(trading as “London Overground”)
c2c Railway Limited	(trading as “c2c”)
Caledonian Sleeper Limited	(trading as “Caledonian Sleeper”)
East Coast Trains Limited	(trading as “Lumo”)
First Greater Western Limited	(trading as “Great Western Railway”)
First Trenitalia West Coast Rail Limited	(trading as “Avanti West Coast”)
GA Trains Limited	(trading as “Greater Anglia” and “Stansted Express”)
Govia Thameslink Railway Limited	(trading as “Gatwick Express” and “Great Northern” and “Southern” and “Thameslink”)
Grand Central Railway Company Limited	(trading as “Grand Central”)
GTS Rail Operations Limited	(trading as “Elizabeth line”)
Hull Trains Company Limited	(trading as “Hull Trains”)
London North Eastern Railway Limited	(trading as “London North Eastern Railway” and “LNER”)
Merseyrail Electrics 2002 Limited	(trading as “Merseyrail”)
Northern Trains Limited	(trading as “Northern”)
ScotRail Trains Limited	(trading as “ScotRail”)
SE Trains Limited	(trading as “Southeastern”)
South Western Railway Limited	(trading as “South Western Railway” and “Island Line”)
The Chiltern Railway Company Limited	(trading as “Chiltern Railways”)
TransPennine Trains Limited	(trading as “TransPennine Express”)
Transport for Wales Rail Limited	(trading as “Transport for Wales” and “TfW Rail”)
Transport UK East Midlands Limited	(trading as “East Midlands Railway”)
West Midlands Trains Limited	(trading as “London Northwestern Railway” and “West Midlands Railway”)
XC Trains Limited	(trading as “CrossCountry”)

An up-to-date list is available at station Ticket offices, telesales offices, the National Rail website and travel agents licensed to sell National Rail Tickets. At these places you will also be able to obtain telephone numbers and addresses for correspondence with each of the above companies.

## Appendix B: Definitions

### In this contract:

<b>“Call”</b>	means a scheduled stop of a train service at a station that allows passengers to alight as well as board that train service at that station, as defined in the National Rail Timetable;
<b>“Conditions”</b>	means the terms and conditions of this contract, set out in Part C to Part H of this document, excluding the text in the information panels.
<b>“Licensed Retailer”</b>	means an organisation authorised and Licensed to sell Tickets by a Train Company or the Rail Delivery Group (RDG);
<b>“Mobility Scooter”</b>	means “class 2” and “class 3” invalid carriages as defined by <a href="http://www.gov.uk/mobility-scooters-and-powered-wheelchairs-rules/classes">www.gov.uk/mobility-scooters-and-powered-wheelchairs-rules/classes</a> ;
<b>“National Rail Enquiries”</b>	means the website provided at <a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a> and associated telephone enquiry service available by calling 03457 48 49 50;
<b>“National Rail Network”</b>	means the network of railway lines over which Train Companies operate scheduled passenger railway services;
<b>“National Rail Timetable”</b>	means the rail timetable for passenger train services in Great Britain, published by Network Rail and provided at <a href="http://www.networkrail.co.uk">www.networkrail.co.uk</a> ;
<b>“National Routeing Guide”</b>	means a document that lists the valid routes for all journeys on the National Rail Network;
<b>“Oyster card”</b>	means a card belonging to the electronic smartcard scheme operated by Transport for London in which a number of Train Companies participate;
<b>“Passenger’s Charter”</b>	means the document of that name or similar, published from time to time by that Train Company;
<b>“Penalty Fare”</b>	means a Penalty Fare charged in accordance with the Railways (Penalty Fares) Regulations 2018 (as amended from time to time); or as may be permitted under any other applicable legislation;
<b>“Penalty Fares Notice”</b>	means the receipt issued when a Penalty Fare is charged;
<b>“Rail Ombudsman”</b>	means an independent, not-for-profit organisation offering a free, expert service to investigate and rule on unresolved customer complaints;
<b>“Railcard”</b>	is a card (which may in some circumstances be stored on an electronic device) that allows Ticket(s) to be bought at a discounted fare;

<b>“Rail Service Provider”</b>	means Network Rail, any organisation or person (other than a Train Company) that operates a station and any person or organisation that hires rolling stock to a Train Company, but does not include London Underground;
<b>“Railway Byelaws”</b>	refers to the byelaws published at <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/railway-byelaws">www.gov.uk/government/publications/railway-byelaws</a> ;
<b>“Season Ticket”</b>	means a Ticket sold as such which allows you to travel for a period of 7 consecutive days or longer, or any 8 in 28 days;
<b>“Ticket”</b>	<p>means any physical or electronic document or record which entitles a passenger to make a journey on the National Rail Network between the stations or within the zones indicated by one or more of the Train Companies. An electronic document or record may consist of (but not be limited to):</p> <p>a Smartcard (including an Oyster or ITSO card);</p> <p>a payment card or identity card;</p> <p>a mobile telephone or tablet device that is charged or available for display or checking;</p> <p>other mobile electronic device that is charged and available for display or checking;</p> <p>a database, in conjunction with an authorised Contactless Bank Card bearing the  symbol described in the notices and publications of the Train Company as being valid for travel on their services; or</p> <p>an authority to travel allowing the use of a train service conditional on the payment of a fare as advised at time of issue.</p> <p>Electronic documents or records may not display the same information as printed Tickets but the conditions for use of these will explain where this information can be found. Where you have a road-enabled Mobility Scooter, a Ticket is also evidence that you are permitted to carry your Mobility Scooter (where that Mobility Scooter is permitted by the Train Company's Accessible Travel Policy –for further information see the Train Company's mobility scooter policy). If you are making a journey using a combination of Tickets, each Ticket must be used in accordance with these Conditions;</p>
<b>“Train Company”</b>	means a company operating passenger railway services which is required to apply these Conditions to persons purchasing Tickets, under a condition of the passenger license granted to the company by the Office of Rail and Road. References in these Conditions to Train Company also extends to the authorised agents of that company. A list of these train companies can be found in Appendix A. “Train Companies” means all or more than one of these Companies;
<b>“Zonal Tickets”</b>	are those Tickets which permit travel only within a defined geographic area.



## Appendix C:

### Code of Practice: Arrangements for Interview Meetings with Applicants in Connection with Duplicate Season Tickets

This appendix sets out the arrangements agreed by Train Companies and Licensed Retailers for the conduct of interview meetings relating to applications for duplicate Season Tickets or refunds on duplicate Season Tickets.

This Code of Practice supports the provisions contained within the National Rail Conditions of Travel. The terms 'Train Company' and 'Licensed Retailer' have the same meaning in this Code of Practice as in the National Rail Conditions of Travel. These arrangements apply to all monthly and longer Season Tickets purchased from a Train Company or Licensed Retailer, referred to below as the '**Ticket Seller**'.

#### 1. Requirements of the interview meeting process

- Where a further duplicate is requested in respect of a Season Ticket valid for a month or longer for which a duplicate has already been issued, the **Ticket Seller** may require the applicant to attend a short interview meeting. The **Ticket Seller** may also request an interview where a refund is required on a duplicate Season Ticket.
- The purpose of the interview meeting is to validate the claim of any passenger applying for a second or further duplicate Season Ticket, within one calendar year of a previous application.
- The interview meeting will be used to confirm the circumstances of the claim and validate any supporting evidence (for example, in case of theft, a crime reference number).

#### 2. Process for arranging an interview meeting

The duplicate Season Ticket application must be made to the **Ticket Seller** who originally sold the lost Season Ticket.

- Where an interview meeting may be required, the passenger will be informed at the time of application.
- The interview meeting will take place at a time and place agreed between the **Ticket Seller** and the applicant and will, subject to the applicant's availability, be held within one week of the duplicate Season Ticket request being made.

#### 3. Conduct of the interview meeting

The interview meeting will take no more than 15 minutes in normal circumstances and will require the applicant to confirm the circumstances of the loss. Where this is the result of a theft, a crime reference number will be requested.

#### 4. After the interview meeting

Within one working day of the interview meeting, the **Ticket Seller** will proceed with the application unless it has grounds to believe that the claim is not valid.

In such cases the applicant will be informed of the decision within one working day and receive a written response within one week of the decision. If the decision is subject to the provision of further evidence or any other action, the applicant will be informed of

this, stating as appropriate what further action is required.

The **Ticket Seller** will accept refund applications for train Tickets that were purchased for the same journey whilst awaiting the issue of the duplicate Season Ticket. These will be refunded without any additional administration charge.

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